

Flathead County EMS Newsletter

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August 2008 through February 2009

August

August 25

FCEMS Advisory Committee Meeting

Time: 5:30 pm Refreshments, 6:00 - 8:00 pm Meeting

Location: FC Health Dept. / Earl Bennett Bldg - 2nd floor conference room

August 26

EMT - First Responder Course INTEREST MEETING for FALL Class

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: FC Health Dept. / Earl Bennett Bldg - 2nd floor conference room

Instructor: Mark Johnson, NREMT-B

Monthly Continuing Education Classes

Wanted - Your Ideas for Topics and/or Instructors

Please contact the FCEMS office with your suggestions.

Unscheduled Classes

Call the FCEMS office to sign up for these classes:

King Airway Training Class (FCEMS will schedule Group Training)

"The King Airway is allowed as an airway device in the Basic Endorsement Airway"

Kenneth L. Threet, EMT Training Coordinator, Montana Board of Medical Examiners

Sacco Triage (FCEMS will schedule additional Unit Training)

Many FCEMS Units are using the Sacco Triage System and the feedback is very positive.

EMT - Basic Course: December - March

Location: Marion Fire Department

Lead Instructor Training: FCEMS is awaiting approval from the state to hold a Lead Instructor class. Get on the interest list.

EMT - Basic Endorsements Refreshers: Will be scheduled prior to re-registration.

Watch the website and the next newsletter for specifics and updates.

Endorsements: Scheduled as needed - call.

Principles of National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Risk Communication

Location: Montana Association of Counties, 2717 Skyway Drive, Helena, MT 59602

Time: Wednesday, September 24; Registration 8:30 am; Workshop 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fees: Free of charge; catered lunch included

Contact: Paul Friedrich 530-757-5792 pkfriedrich@wifss.ucdavis.edu or

Maria Vicino 530-757-5700 mvicino@wifss.ucdavis.edu

Registration: Online: <http://wifss.ucdavis.edu>; Email: mvicino@wifss.ucdavis.edu

This training is designed to show how NIMS improves coordination among responders in an agro-terrorism event. This type of event will be different from other disasters, so it is important that response agencies ensure a smooth implementation into NIMS. Team building and risk communication will be presented as key components for a fully functional NIMS.

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Flathead County EMS Website: <http://flathead.mt.gov/ems>

The website has training information, an events calendar and the Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

September

**September 6
To
November 15**

EMT - First Responder Course

Location: Lakeside QRU

Days: Saturdays Only

Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Instructor: Mary Granger EMT-Basic

Limited Space Available: Call Mary at 844-2775 to reserve your seat.

September 15

Continuing Education Program

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: FC Health Dept. / Earl Bennett Bldg - 2nd floor conference room

Topic & Instructor: MD Specialist based on topic

**September 17
To
November 22**

EMT - First Responder to BASIC TRANSITION Course

Location: Bigfork Ambulance

Days & Times: Wednesdays 6:00 - 9:00 pm; Saturdays 8:00 am - 2:00/4:00 pm

Instructor: Karen Rupp EMT-Paramedic

Confirmation Deadline - August 29: Call Karen at 837-2521 to reserve your seat.

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October

**October 14, 16
October 21, 23**

BDLS - Basic Disaster Life Support

Location: On-line. Access to high-speed internet service. Voice will be carried over the telephone while the powerpoint is delivered over the internet. Call FCEMS if you want to take this class at the FC Health Dept. / Earl Bennett Bldg.

Days: Must attend all four dates to receive certificate.

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Registration Required: Email: jnemec@mt.gov; Fax: 406.444.1814

Contact: John Valentino, MT DPHHS, 406.444.0931, jvalentino@mt.gov

ADLS - Advanced Disaster Life Support will be offered later this winter.

October 20

Continuing Education Program

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October 27

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November

- November 4, 6
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- November 7, 8, 9** **Lead Instructor Class**
Location: Missoula - call BOME (406-841-2328) to register
- November 8, 15
December 6, 13** **EMT - Paramedic Refresher (48 hrs)**
Location: KRMC
Cost: \$250.00 in Flathead County; \$350.00 outside Flathead County
Registration Deadline: October 1, 2008
Minimum Class Size: 12 students needed to run the class
- November 17** **Continuing Education Program**
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Location: FC Health Dept. / Earl Bennett Bldg - 2nd floor conference room
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- November 24** **FCEMS Advisory Committee Meeting**
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December

- December 6 & 7** **NIMS Incident Command System (ICS) for EMS**
Location: FC Health Dept. / Earl Bennett Bldg - 2nd floor conference room
Time: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm each day
Instructor: Tim Soule
Registration Required: Fire Services Training School 406.761.7885; 800.294.5272
This is a two-day, instructor-led, field course equivalent to I100 and I200, designed to introduce students to the concepts of the incident command system as applied in prehospital emergency medical services.
- December 13 & 14** **EMT - First Responder REFRESHER (16 hrs)**
Location: KRMC Buffalo Hills Conference Center
Registration Required: FCEMS 751.8190 / 8191
- December 15** **Continuing Education Program**
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January

- January 10 & 11** **EMT - Basic REFRESHER (24 hrs)**
Location: KRMC Buffalo Hills Conference Center
Time: 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
Registration Required: FCEMS 751.8190 / 8191
- January 19** **Continuing Education Program**
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Location: FC Health Dept. / Earl Bennett Bldg - 2nd floor conference room
Topic & Instructor: MD Specialist based on topic
- January 26** **FCEMS Advisory Committee Meeting**
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February

- February 7 & 8** **PHTLS - Prehospital Trauma Life Support (16 hrs)**
Location: FC Health Dept. / Earl Bennett Bldg - 2nd floor conference room
Registration Required: FCEMS 751.8190 / 8191
- February 9 - 13** **Wilderness Medical Conference**
Location: Big Sky, Montana
Call Marty, 751-8190, if interested in car pool or room share.
- February 16** **Continuing Education Program**
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CISM - Critical Incident Stress Management

Flathead County EMS supports a trained CISM Team which may be requested by any Emergency Services Agency by calling FCEMS @ 751-8190 or the answering service @ 752-3804 (24/7). Our team responded to several requests this past year and hope to be able to provide this service to even more units in the future.

If you are interested in becoming part of our team or attending our meetings, please call to get the next meeting date.